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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated February 15, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Remarks

As an initial matter, Applicant again thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 23 and 24 in their originally filed form.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 12 as obvious over Geiser in view of Burton and further in view of Deno.. Applicant strongly traverses this rejection.

As described in the previous response to Office Action, claim 1 now requires that when the heart beat signal pulse times are modified they are modified by storing an additional R-peak time or eliminating an existing R-peak time. As recognized in the previous Office Action, the cited section of Geiser only teaches triggering a